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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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### 1. CHINA

PRC BUREAUCRATS BEING TOLD GET OFF OFFICE CHAIRS, SPEND MORE TIME DOWN ON FARM OR ON FACTORY SHOP FLOORS. RECENT NEWSPAPER LETTERS/ARTICLES COMPLAIN OFFICIALS HOLDING TOO MANY UNNECESSARY MEETINGS, INSTEAD WORKING ALONGSIDE MASSES (REUTER'S ROGERS, PEKING).

### 2. HONG KONG

IN HK, NYT'S BUTTERFIELD INSPECTS RECENTLY OPENED MODERN GAS STATION--ONE OF RAPIDLY GROWING NUMBER OF NEW INVEST-  
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MENTS BY PRC OR BY HK CHINESE CONNECTED WITH PEKING.

### 3. PHILIPPINES

IN LENGTHY DOCUMENT RELEASED TO FOREIGN PRESS FRIDAY, GROUP OF PROMINENT LAWYERS/FORMER JUDGES/POLITICOS DEPOSED BY MARCOS ("CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF PHILIPPINES") CALLED

ON GOP DISMANTLE US MIL BASES IN COUNTRY, SINCE "REALITIES" AND "RISKS PRESENT NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE" (REUTER MANILA).

AP (MANILA) REPORTS SENTENCING OF LEHMAN, 3 FILIPINOS IN PLOT TO KILL MARCOS (SUN, WP).

#### 4. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

MCARTHUR (LAT 2/10) SAYS VN REPORTEDLY SENDS 10,000 MORE TROOPS TO LAOS TO HELP CURB RESISTANCE FORCES, INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN PAST SEVERAL MOS; MOVE RAISES VN TROOPS IN LAOS TO 40,000. ATTRIBUTES SECURITY PROBLEMS PL REGIME TO UNPOPULAR ECON POLICIES/DEGREE POLICE CONTROL LAOTIANS DON'T ACCEPT. SAYS HANOI DECISION SEND MORE SOLDIERS INDICATES TO SOME THAT VN AGAIN THINKING IN LARGER TERMS ABOUT SEA.

USSR CRUISE SHIPS WILL TAKE TOURISTS TO HCM CITY FOR 1ST TIME THIS YR (REUTER MOSCOW).

REPS COALITION PEACE/RELIGIOUS/OTHER GROUPS MEET AT WH W/ADMIN OFFICIALS. CALL FOR US RECOGNIZE VN/NORMALIZE RELS/GIVE RECONSTRUCTION AID. WANT PRES NAME DELEGATION VISIT VN/LAOS/CAMBODIA. GROUP TOLD THAT ADMIN WANTS DISCUSS ISSUES W/VN BEFORE UN VOTE (AP WASHINGTON). OLIPHANT (GLOBE) SEES MTG AS ANOTHER ADMIN SIGNAL THAT SERIOUS ABOUT NORMALIZING RELS W/VN. DISCUSSION LEAD BY WH'S CONSTANZA/EA'S HOLBROOKE; LATTER STRESSED RECENT ADMIN ACTIONS MEANT AS 1ST STEPS TOWARDS NORMALIZING UNCLASSIFIED

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DIPL RELS W/VN.

KR TROOPS PURSUE FLEEING GUERRILLAS INTO THAILAND, BURN DOWN 16 THAI HOUSES (CSM; WP).

COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS KILL 2 POLICE IN SERIES ATTACKS ON REMOTE POSTS IN S THAILAND. ACTION FOLLOWS INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN BY THAI MIL VS INSURGENTS (REUTER BANGKOK).

MAJOR NATL GAS DEPOSIT FOUND IN GULF THAILAND BY TEXAS PAC CORP (CSM), UNIT OF SEAGRAM CORP. RTG CONSIDERING BUILDING 450-MI PIPELINE TO GAS-RICH AREA (WSJ).

#### 5. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

MCARTHUR (LAT 2/10) SAYS PRIVATELY-FINANCED RESCUE FLEET HAS GROWN TO 4 VESSELS, HAS REPORTEDLY PICKED UP 470 REFUGEES. REVIEWS RESCUE ACTIVITIES/PROBLEMS.

6. JAPAN

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM LOWER HOUSE BUDGET CMTE 2/9, FUKUDA SAID JAPANESE EXPORTERS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM "RUSHING" GOODS INTO EUR/US MARKETS AT ONE TIME IN ORDER EASE FRICTION W/THOSE TRADING PARTNERS (AP, LAT 2/10).

DESPITE PROGRESS AT OECD TALKS AFTER JAPANESE 3-PT PROPOSAL 2/9, SHIPBUILDING CMTE CHRMN SAYS MTG DIDN'T END IN REAL AGREEMENT, BUT CONCLUSION REACHED THAT JAPANESE PLAN "HAD SOME VERY POSITIVE POINTS." NEW NEGOTIATING SESSION SCHEDULED FOR 3/22. JAPAN STILL UNPREPARED ACCEPT EC DEMAND FOR 50-50 PCT SHARING OF SHIP ORDERS FROM OECD AREA (WSJ; AP NYT, SUN; JOC).

US/JAPAN SIGN AGREEMENTS LIMITING JAPANESE COMMERCIAL FISHING OPNS IN 200-MILE ZONE OFF US STARTING 3/1. IN-UNCLASSIFIED

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TERIM UNDERSTANDING WILL RUN THRU '77, 2ND AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO DIET APPROVAL, WILL RUN 5 YRS (WSJ).

UPON DEPARTURE FOR TOKYO 2/10, PERMANENT SEC UK'S INDUSTRY DEPT SAID HE HAS PROMISED JAPANESE CORPS LIKELY MAKE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN UK THAT THEIR BUSINESSES WILL NOT BE NATIONALIZED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES (CULLISON, JOC).

JAPANESE MONETARY AUTHORITIES REITERATE NONINTERVENTION FOREX POLS DESPITE CONSIDERABLE FLUCTUATION IN YEN TRADING/STRENGTHENING IN ITS VALUE VIS-A-VIS US DOLLAR (PENAR, JOC). GOJ PLANS CONTINUE POLICY, THO MAY HAVE DETERIORATING EFFECT ON COUNTRY'S MASSIVE EXPORT CAMPAIGN (CULLISON).

JAPANESE FAIR TRADE COMM/MITI/MFA ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS OVER POSSIBILITY GOJ/USG COOPERATION IN CONTROLLING EXCESSES MULTINATL CORPS. US JUSTICE DEPT PROPOSAL FOR SUCH COOPERATION, REVEALED THURS, BASICALLY SAME AS UNOFFICIAL VERSION SUGGESTED BY WASHINGTON IN EARLY '76, FOLLOWING DISCLOSURE LOCKHEED'S ACTIVITIES (JOC).

MIDEAST ECON SURVEY REPORTS JAPAN LARGEST SINGLE IMPORTER SAUDI ARABIAN CRUDE OIL BETW JAN-NOV '76 (AP, SUN).

7. JAPAN/KOREA

FON MINISRY SPOKESMAN THURS REASSERTED JAPAN'S CLAIM TO TAKESHIMA--CONTROVERSIAL ISLE IN SEA OF JAPAN, ALSO CLAIMED BY SK. PLANS FOR JOINT OIL EXPLORATION IN JAPAN SEA/EXPANSION TERRITORIAL WATERS MAKING ISLAND MORE VALU-

ABLE (SEIDEN, SUN).

8. KOREA

IN BREAKFAST MTG W/REPORTERS 2/10, ATTY GEN BELL SAID HE  
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IS PRESSING FOR EARLY COMPLETION SKOREAN/CAPITOL HILL  
BRIBERY INVESTIGATION. SAID HE WAS ASKING JUSTICE DEPT  
AIDES "WHY IT'S TAKING SO LONG" TO MAKE PROBE (DENNISTON,  
WSTAR 2/10).

SARRO (WSTAR 2/10) REPORTS HOUSE REPUBLICANS EAGER FOR  
SKOREAN BRIBERY INVESTIGATION, FIGURING MORE DEMS THAN  
GOP MEMBERS INVOLVED. IF TRUE, GOP HOPES FACT WILL HELP  
REDUCE DEM'S OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN NEXT HOUSE ELECTION.

9. VANCE INTERVIEW

GWERTZMAN (NYT) REPORTS IN THURS INTERVIEW WITH 3 MEMBERS  
NYT WASHINGTON BUREAU, DEVOTED LARGELY TO ME, SECSTATE  
ALSO SAID US HAS RECEIVED INDICATIONS PRC WOULD LIKE  
BEGIN TALKS ON SETTling SINO-US FINANCIAL CLAIMS TO OPEN  
WAY TO NORMAL TRADE RELS--ADDED HE HOPES TALKS CAN RESUME  
IN "NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE." ASKED IF HIS SPEAKING OUT  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE HERALDS BEGINNING OF POLICY IN WHICH  
THESE CONSIDERATIONS WILL AFFECT MIL SALES OR AID AGREE-  
MENTS TO SUCH COUNTRIES AS SK/CHILE/IRAN/ARGENTINA, VANCE  
SAID ADMIN WORK ON THIS COMPLEX ISSUE NOT COMPLETED, BUT  
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE ONE OF CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MUST BE  
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN CONNECTION WITH ARMS TRANSFERS.  
(NYT CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM INTERVIEW).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDONESIA

NEWMAN (WSJ) REVIEWS ROLE PERTAMINA IN INDO ECONOMY, FINDS  
SLOWED DEVELOPMENT/HUGE DEBTS LEGACY OF OIL FIRM MIS-  
MANAGEMENT/POSSIBLY CORRUPTION.

LIPSKY (WSJ) REVIEWS CAREER GENEVA BUSINESSMAN RAPPAPORT,  
HIS INVOLVEMENTS W/PERTAMINA TANKER FLEET. NOTES  
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RAPPAPORT NOW SUING PERTAMINA IN COURTS AROUND WORLD/

SEEKING ATTACH INDO VESSELS.

11. JAPAN

IN EDIT ON MONDALE TRIP., S-F CHRON (2/4) SAYS JAPAN PROBABLY MOST NEEDED "FRIENDLY OUTSTRETCHED HAND" OF NEW ADMIN, SINCE LDP "NONE TOO SECURE" DUE BRIBERY BY US' MULTINATL CORPORATE LEADERSHIP. ADDS JAPAN GOT DESIRED ASSURANCES RE NO MORE "NIXON SHOCKS"/US COMMITMENT IN AIR SUPPORT FOR SK/JAPAN.

WEIGHART (NYDN) CONTRASTS PREVIOUS FOPOL ESTABLISHMENT W/PRESENT. FINDS CARTER'S DECISION REASSURE MAJOR ALLIES, INCL JAPAN, THAT US INTENDS CONSULT/COOPERATE W/THEM ON EVERY IMPORTANT ASPECT FOPOL WOULD HAVE BEEN "STIFLING" TO HAK/"CRAMPED HIS CLOSE-TO-THE-VEST STYLE."

12 JAPAN/KOREA

BIRMINGHAM NEWS BELIEVES REMOVING US TROOPS KOREA "CANNOT BUT HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT" ON US' PAC INTERESTS/WILL "RADICALLY ALTER" JAPAN'S DEF POL VIS-A-VIS USSR, PRC, NK.

KC TIMES NOTES MONDALE DIDN'T PUBLICLY EXPLAIN TO FUKUDA WHY US TROOP WITHDRAWAL WOULDN'T UPSET REGION'S SECURITY. SAYS US CERTAINLY DOESN'T WANT BURDEN MAINTAINING TROOPS PERMANENTLY, BUT MUST TAKE INTO FULL ACCOUNT NKOREAN THREAT

KC STAR RECALLS NK LAUNCHED INVASION AFTER US WITHDREW TROOPS IN 1949, ADVISES CARTER "PROCEED SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY" IN ORDERING ANY PULLBACK. ALSO NOTES THAT WHILE SK'S FORCES MUCH STRONGER NOW THAN '49, NK MAINTAINS AIR/NAVAL SUPERIORITY.

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NYT NOTES FON IMPORTS FOOTWEAR INTO US TOTALED 46 PCT SHOE SALES LAST YR. AS RESULT, TRADE ASSN/UNION SEEK QUOTA TO RESTRICT SALES. POINTS OUT RECOMMENDATION FOR QUOTA/TARIFF WILL SOON GO TO PRES, WILL BE MR. CARTER'S 1ST HARD TEST ON FON TRADE. NYT BELIEVES MAKES NO SENSE FOR US RESURRECT TARIFF WALLS/QUOTAS, ASK CONSUMERS PAY HI PRICES TO SAVE 10,000 JOBS. URGES RETRAINING/NEW JOBS FOR SHOE WORKERS IN LIEU CUMBERSON/INEFFICIENT/COSTLY ATTEMPT REVERSE WORLDWIDE ECON DEVELOPMENTS.  
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